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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-145a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 (NEW) (h) On and after July 1, 2007, any candidate in a program of
4 teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall complete
5 a course of child abuse recognition, developed in accordance with
6 section 3 of this act.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is
8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
9 *1, 2007*):

10 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-
11 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
12 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
13 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such
14 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)
15 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)

16 of section 21a-240, and alcohol to health and personality development,
 17 and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health and mental
 18 health risk reduction education which includes, but need not be
 19 limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the
 20 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually
 21 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in
 22 section 19a-581, violence, child abuse and youth suicide, (3) the growth
 23 and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and
 24 gifted and talented children and children who may require special
 25 education, including, but not limited to, children with attention-deficit
 26 hyperactivity disorder or learning disabilities, and methods for
 27 identifying, planning for and working effectively with special needs
 28 children in a regular classroom, (4) school violence prevention and
 29 conflict resolution, (5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other
 30 emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer and other information
 31 technology as applied to student learning and classroom instruction,
 32 communications and data management, (7) the teaching of the
 33 language arts, reading and reading readiness for teachers in grades
 34 kindergarten to three, inclusive, (8) the recognition of child abuse, as
 35 acquired through completion of the course developed in accordance
 36 with section 3 of this act, and [(8)] (9) second language acquisition in
 37 districts required to provide a program of bilingual education
 38 pursuant to section 10-17f, as amended. The State Board of Education,
 39 within available appropriations and utilizing available materials, shall
 40 assist and encourage local and regional boards of education to include:
 41 (A) Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the historical events
 42 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-American
 43 history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American history; (F)
 44 personal financial management; and (G) topics approved by the state
 45 board upon the request of local or regional boards of education as part
 46 of in-service training programs pursuant to this subsection.

47 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) Not later than January 1, 2007,
 48 the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of
 49 Children and Families and the Department of Higher Education, shall

50 develop a course of study designed to aid persons certified in
51 accordance with section 10-145b of the general statutes, or candidates
52 in a program of teacher preparation leading to professional
53 certification in accordance with said section 10-145b, in child abuse
54 recognition. The departments shall also develop an on-line program
55 that certified employees may access to refresh or further develop skills
56 to aid in recognition of child abuse.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-145a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-220a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a course in recognition of child abuse for students in a program of teacher preparation leading to professional certification and for certified employees of local and regional boards of education.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]